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SUBJECT: EMBASSY PROTEST OF SOVIET ACTIONS AT ENVIRONMENTAL SYMPOSIA IN TASHKENT AND YEREVAN

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1. ON OCTOBER 27 SCICOUNS PROTESTED TO KAZAKOV THE ACTIONS OF SOVIET SECURITY ORGANS DURING YEREVAN AND TASHKENT SEMINARS CITING POINT BY POINT INCIDENTS REPORTED REFTEL. SCICOUNS EMPHASIZED THAT ALL SUCH ACTIONS ARE REPORTED TO WASHINGTON, HAVE AN UNFAVORABLE IMPACT ON COOPERATION, AND SHOULD NOT BE REPEATED. SOVIET INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS RESPONSIBLE FOR SUCH ACTIONS SHOULD BE REPRIMANDED AND TOLD TO DESIST.

2. KAZAKOV, WHO APPEARED GENUINELY UPSET, TOOK DETAILED NOTES. HE REPORTED THAT IZRAEL' HAD ALREADY COMPLAINED TO TASHKENT AUTHORITIES ABOUT THE PHOTOGRAPH
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INCIDENT AND BY LOCAL INTOURIST OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE HAS BEEN REPRIMANDED. KAZAKOV SAID HE WAS UNFAMILIAR WITH THE INCIDENTS CITED BY SCICOUNS, AND PROMISED TO CHECK ON THEM AND REPORT BACK TO THE EMBASSY. HE EMPHASIZED THAT HYDROMET WAS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY SUCH ACTIONS, AND NOTED THAT THE YEREVAN SYMPOSIUM WAS ORGANIZED COMPLETELY BY GOSSTANDART.

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3. THWOARD THE END OF THE MEETING KAZAKOV NOTED IN PASSING THAT SOVIET DELEGATIONS SOMETIMES REPORT THAT "ANTI-SOVIET" MATERIAL WAS FOUND IN THEIR HOTEL ROOMS. WHEN ASKED FOR SPECIFICS KDZAKOV MENTIONED NTS BORCHURES BUT DID NOT DWELL ON THE SUBJECT. IN CONCLUSION, KAZAKOV STATED THAT HYDROMET WAS A STRONG ADHERENT OF U.S.-SOVIET COOPERATION AND THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THAT THE ACTIONS BEING PROTESTED HAVE A NEGATIVE IMPACT.

4. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH THE RECENT INCIDENTS WERE DOOUBTLESS NOT CREATED BY HYDROMET, WE SHOULD MAKE CLEAR TO HYDROMET OFFICIALS THAT, WHEN ACTING AS HOST FOR COOPERATIVE EFFORTS IN USSR, THEIR ORGANIZATION BEARS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF INSURING THAT ALL SOVIET OFFICIALS TREAT DELEGATIONS IN A MANNER CONSISTENT WITH THE AIMS OF OUR COOPAERTIVE AGREEMENTS. A PRIVATE PROTEST BY EPA ADMINISTRATOR COSTLE TO ISRAEL'S AT THE FORTHCOMING JCM (PARA 10 REFTEL) WOULD BE HELPFUL IN DRIVING THE MESSAGE HOME. END COMMENT TOON

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